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SUBJECT: SPD CONDEMNS SOVIET PERSECUTION OF INTELLECTUALS

1. ON SEPT 4 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SPD, CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S PARTY, ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CRITICAL OF THE SOVIET UNION PERSECUTION OF WRITERS AND SCIENTISTS:

"THE CURRENT PERSECUTION AND OPPRESSION OF SCIENTISTS AND WRITERS IN THE SOVIET UNION IS VIEWED BY THE SPD WITH GREAT CONCERN. IN A WORLD IN WHICH THERE ARE HOPEFUL SIGNS FOR A GRADUAL DECREASE IN TENSION, THE TRIALS OF SOVIET INTELLECTUALS ARE A SOURCE OF DISTRESS PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE OF OUR PEOPLE WHO WISH FOR GREATER NORMALIZATION AND FRIENDLY COEXISTENCE."

2. ON THE SAME DAY GUENTER GRASS, AUTHOR OF THE TIN DRUM AND HIMSELF A MEMBER OF THE SPD, COMMENTED ON A REQUEST TO HIM FROM THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW
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TO POSTPONE A PLANNED VISIT. HE SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THE REQUEST TO BE SIMILAR TO ATTITUDES

HE HAD FOUND IN GERMAN EMBASSIES IN ATHENS AND
LISBON IN THE NAME OF CORRECT INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR
AND HE DEPLORED IT. HE ALSO SAID:

"THERE CAN BE NO POLICY OF DETENTE AT ANY PRICE.
THE HARD REACTION, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM PRAGUE WAS
PREDICTABLE. THERE IS NOTHING TO FORCE US TO REACH
AN AGREEMENT. AND IF THE USSR WANTS TO MISUSE THE
EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE TO BLOCK DISCUSSION OF
MORE CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLES AND A GREATER EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION THEN LET'S NOT HAVE THE CONFERENCE."

3. NOBEL LITERATURE PRIZE WINNER HEINRICH BOELL HAS
EXPRESSED VIEWS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF GRASS.
HILLENBRAND

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